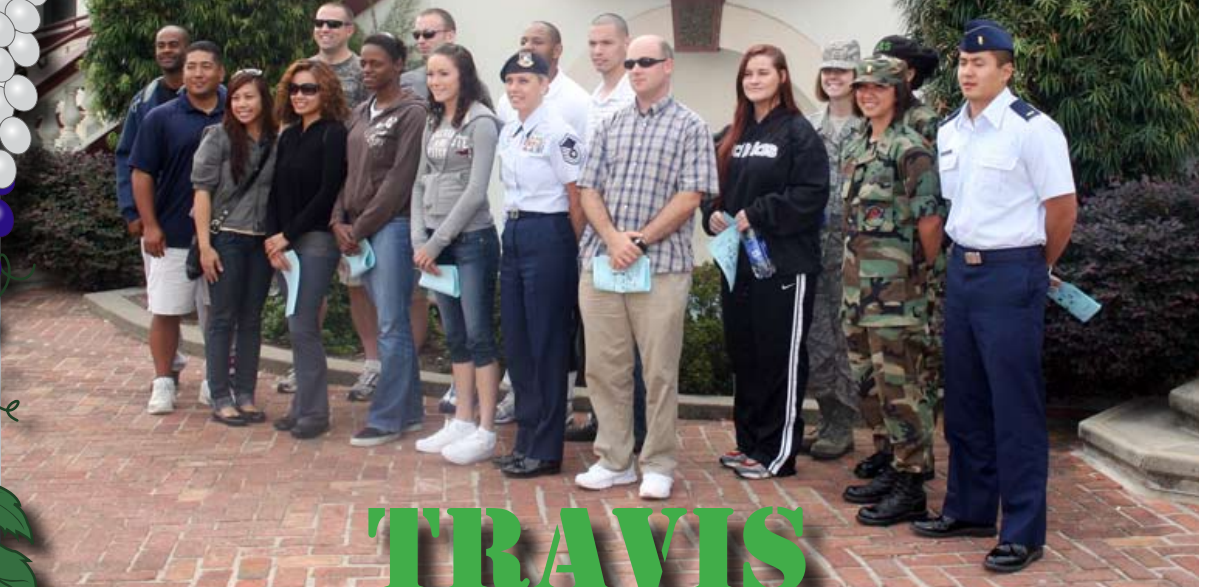


Grapevine



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HELPING OUT!



Photos by Chris Williams

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Travelin' Travis

They're not here just for Christmas

By Chris Williams

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When the Travis soldiers arrive to decorate for the Holidays, we think of them as “elves.” A bus full arrived to carry out a variety of tasks that can only be described as “miscellaneous.” Some were out of uniform so they could blend in, but their energy and vigor soon gave them away.



Susan Heims didn't go easy on them; she laid out a battle plan that covered the entire ground. Most

jobs required “tools.” You know about tools? They're those things that get grungy and dirty. One contingent had to move the entire contents of one building into another. The personnel got grungy and dirty.

They did their most valuable work when they weren't laboring, though. They appeared for lunch at both the Dining Hall and Coffee Shop. Residents got to hear about what's new, and the Travis folk were interested in the “old days.”





*above: Cpl. Staszewski and other Travis volunteers.
left: Msgt. Tina Russel*



Saluting 125 Years California Veterans Home, Yountville

The *Yountville Sun* will be publishing *125th Anniversary Special Edition*, a supplemental issue to honor the Home on Founders' Day, April 1, 2009.

The *Yountville Sun* is accepting "tribute" advertising for the issue. This type of advertising includes statements of appreciation, thank you, good luck, etc. but does not include soliciting funds or any type of selling. Ads can be produced in color or black and white.

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AMVETS Annual Picnic & Appreciation Day—2008



By Lou Zauner
Photos by Neil Remnant, Lou Zauner

A capacity crowd filled the Hospital Recreation Area (HRA) on Saturday, September 13 as the AMVETS organization hosted their annual picnic.

Beginning at 11 a.m. following Posting of Colors, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, Master of Ceremonies Dick Hum, Past Commander Post 101, Yountville introduced AMVETS dignitaries present, including AMVETS State Commander, Mel

Posey, Past State Commanders Leo Simon and John Reese, and Concord Post Commander Steve Nichols.

A trio of musicians: John Schwenesen, James Ritz and Kazu Maruoka, entertained the crowd throughout the luncheon and during “social time” of the gathering. The luncheon served at the numerous decorated tables in the HRA--hamburgers, chicken salad, soft drinks--was followed by bags of fruit distributed to the guests before the 1 p.m. closing hour.



Home Administrator Marcella McCormack in her welcoming remarks expressed appreciation for funds from the AMVETS California Service Foundation to support the following programs of importance to Home Members: the *Grapevine*, now in color and with increased distribution; *KVET-TV* now converted from analog to

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AMVETS State Commander Mel Posey and his wife

digital mode; *Oral History* continuing to collect the personal and military histories of the Home Members for their families and the Library of Congress; the *It's Never Too Late* (IN2L) program which brings the Internet world to disabled and handicapped

Members. The IN2L program was noted as one of the highlights of the upcoming visit to the Home by the National Association of State Secretaries of Veterans Affairs.

Deputy Administrator Bart Buechner announced a new program sponsored by AMVETS is now in development to provide wireless access to Members in a number of buildings and areas of the Home. The basic setup of transmitters and wiring has been going on for several months and is near completion. Bart also noted that Joe Kolano and the AMVETS Service Foundation have approved the donation of two additional golf carts to support the Home and the Pathway Home program.



Rita Umphries, Commander, Post 101

AMVETS Past State Commander Leo Simon and Vici Simon.



Chairman of the Picnic Committee, Mike Chiribel thanked the many volunteers and friends of AMVETS Post 1990 for organizing the luncheon and the Service Foundation for its funding. Dick Hum expressed sincere appreciation to AMVETS and Home volunteers for the enormous contributions and effort by so many who made this day and this picnic an outstanding event.



As I Saw It ... In Plane Site

by Lou Zauner



The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds.

Travis Air Force Base Air Expo 2008

“Above All...Celebrating Air Power Over the Golden West.”

And what a site it was! Approximately one square mile of monstrous aircraft being viewed by no less than 9,999 (let's make it an even 10,000) people. Among this crowd, no less than 48 Home Members took advantage of a Travis Air Show on Sunday, August 31.

A variety of over 20 aircraft were scattered over the usual parking space for the huge C-3 and other enormous cargo planes. B-24's, Russian-made fighter planes, the U-2 Dragon Lady and smaller training planes, and many other air-worthy models were on static display - part of the “ground” family. Having arrived about 11 a.m. our wanna-be fly personnel group had until 3:30 pm to witness all there was to behold. Picking up our bag lunches and walking through security took half that time (only kidding), but after sauntering from plane to plane and finding a square foot or two of shade for lunch, the hours went fast and it was time to walk the last “mile” back to Home bus.

However, during all this plane-hopping and sightseeing, daredevil aerobatics took place over head. Impressive is an understated word to explain the spectacular maneuvers of at least six or more individual skilled pilots and their aircraft that captivated the huge crowd. And that was only a prelude to the appearance--with roar--of

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Air Expo continued

The Thunderbirds are marking their 55th Anniversary. Since the precision flight team, current number 12, was organized in 1953, the Thunderbirds have performed 4,075 shows before more than 340 million fans in all 50 states and more than 60 foreign countries. The Thunderbirds presently fly Lockheed Martin F-16 Fighting Falcons. Their current home is Nellis AFB in Las Vegas.

It was a spectacular show! What a proud feeling to be able to get just a glimpse of the air might of our Country. With thanks to the Activity Center and our bus pilots Ky Jones and Kevin James for getting us safely back Home--in more dangerous territory than the "open skies" flown by The Thunderbirds.

Military acts included the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, A-10 Warthog, F-18 Hornet, U.S. Army Golden Knights, C-17 Globemaster III, and formation flybys of the C-5 Galaxy, KC-10 Extender, and the C-17 Globemaster III. The F-86, B-25s, BT-13, T-28s, FG-1 Goodyear manufactured Corsair, and P-51 warbirds performed flybys.



Alameda Elks Picnic

By Lou Zauner

Once again the Benevolent Order of Elks extended their respect and goodwill for the Veterans Home, Yountville and its Members with representation from Alameda Elks Lodge No.1015 to provide a picnic at IC-ID Hospital Patio on Saturday, August 23.

From 11am to 1:30 pm a great crowd of over 200 Members, Hospital Residents and Staff were hosted by more than twenty Elks and Auxiliary Lodge Members who provided a great lunch in perfect weather. Beer and sodas made the wait-in-line more enjoyable while the destination provided the hot dogs, hamburgers, macaroni salad, potato chips, and baked beans. Attending Staff and the Elks volunteers served the seated guests with efficiency to allow enough time for those who wanted a second order.

The only ceremony and comments that took place were those made by Elks Member and M/C of the picnic, Larry Lulofs, who stated, "Thank

you Veterans for your service to our country. I have been privileged for the last three years to be at this annual picnic on behalf of the Elks."

Larry, we thank you and all the Alameda Elks and Auxiliary Members that honor us with this thoughtful event each year. And in acknowledgment of their appreciated service, thanks to our Home Staff and volunteers who devote their time and dedicated work.

below: Kevin James and Megan Edmonston helped the Elks serve.



Another Fun Picnic Day with the Cooties

By Lou Zauner

With all seriousness, the Military Order of the Cooties is dedicated to having fun while devoting their generosity and respect for hospitalized veterans. For more than 25-years, the Northern California Districts 16 and 17 have made annual visits to not only Yountville, but Mather Field, Sacramento; and the Veterans Administration Hospital in Reno, Nevada.

Sunday, September 14, the MOOC again brought their cheer, camaraderie and benevolence to Hospital Patio 1C/1D

beginning at 11 a.m. To the music of Guitarist Mitch Dees enhanced with a talented sound-system, some 35 volunteers from the Military Order of Cooties and the Women's Auxiliary (MOCA) provided a lavish barbecue of hamburgers, hot dogs and all the necessary condiments, plus potato and macaroni and mixed salads, baked beans, a variety of chips and variety of cookies and brownies and watermelon--along with sodas and bottled water. Adding to the festivity, golden crowns donated by McDonalds and decorated by the Women's Auxiliary were distributed to those who wanted to become King for a Day – or at least until 1 p.m. when the party ended.

The Military Order of the Cooties name was suggested from the “cootie” – a louse that was a pest and body-invader of World War I soldiers, particularly in the trenches. In 1919 several Spanish American War Veterans, members of the Imperial Order of the Dragon (a higher degree of the USA War Veterans Organization) conceived the idea of a similar order for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, which was nearly as old as the United Spanish American War Veterans. The influx of members from World War I began the movement toward the formation of an Honor Degree with fun as one of its objectives.

Our sincere appreciation goes to the 90-year old Military Order of the Cooties and its descendants who honor our Home and Members each year with their cordiality and fun.



AT&T Pioneers Settle in for Sports Jamboree

Two Days of Competition and Fun

By Chris Williams



Dee, receptionist in the Public Information Office, glanced at the calendar of events and said, "I used to work with the Pioneers. Only it was the 'Ma Bell Pioneers' then." The tradition is long. Formed in 1911 (Alexander Graham Bell was a charter member. Dee wasn't.), it grew into the largest company-sponsored volunteer organization in the nation, 350,000 active and retired employees donating 15 million

hours of time every year, The Veterans Home gets its share.

Golden Gate and Golden Bear chapters join to hold the Sports Jamboree, which started in Candlestick Park 24 years ago. You know something is different when you get close to the picnic grounds. You don't even need to get very close. The Pioneers are the noisiest service group to visit us. Their shouts of encouragement to the competitors are followed by cheers as each crosses the finish line or makes a score.

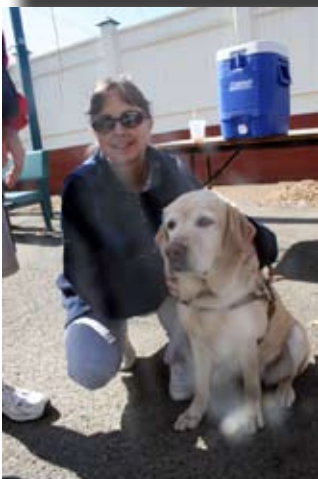
Who are these enthusiasts? Renee Dickerson is not untypical. Her husband is a Vietnam veteran, and her son is beginning his second tour in Iraq. Retired, she drives 500 miles each time to get here to push wheelchairs in various competitions. She is suspected of cheating for her entrants, but nobody has been able to prove anything.

What are those competitions? There are seven events and the most popular (and loudest) were the 40 Yard Dash and the Obstacle Course. Some of our therapists joined the AT&T volunteers in pushing chairs, and the result was hair-raising. Literally. Some of our members flew across the finish line looking like the old Pontiac hood ornament. Remember that?





The Basketball Free Throw drew a crowd, and a star emerged. Marie Lumos wasn't having much luck throwing while seated in her wheelchair. Grimly, she climbed to her feet and sank three in a row. "I was a member of the 1936 Nevada state champion team," she said nonchalantly. Apparently, once you've got it, you've got it.



Renee Dickerson

left: Veronica Villa and her guide dog Polly



Gone Fishin' on the Napa River

By Lou Zauner



In anticipation of bringing-in a bounty of striped bass or sturgeon, fifteen Home Member fishers, escorted by Jim Looney and Bob DeSoto, and transported by Carl Wilson to the dock of the Napa Yacht Club, scrambled aboard the *Freedom*, a 60-foot Pacifica yacht.

The early morning of Saturday, September 20, was a perfect day ... just meant for goin' fishin'. The yacht was piloted by Captain Jared Berg with "Skipper" Lew King lending a hand in every way to his optimistic passengers. Each of the seven fishers was outfitted with the high-tech poles and anchovy bait to lure those underwater delicacies on board. The other half of the voyagers settled for viewing the bucolic landscape Green Island Road and relaxing under the warm sun while floating along.

The *Freedom*, a 1988 vessel costing nearly one and one-half million dollars, was donated to the Monterey Bay Veterans, Inc. The crew may spend as much as two months "living" on the boat to accomplish their goals of providing recreation for the veterans. Donations to this non-profit organization go for fuel and the necessary essentials to keep the boat on its mission.

During the leisurely float, energy bars, sandwiches, fruit, cookies and bottled water were available to all aboard. It was also explained that any fish caught would not be available for table cuisine. They are brought aboard for photo opportunities and released back to the water. I asked Captain Jared if the fish enjoyed this game. He said, "a survey had been sent but he hadn't heard back."

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above:
David Harris

below: Wes Fisher



Rollin' ... Rollin' on the River Your Yacht Awaits

By Chris Williams



**Thank
you,
Monterey
Bay
Veterans,
Inc. and
Napa
Valley
Yacht
Club**

The crew of the *Freedom* knows nothing of fatigue. In a 3-day long weekend, they took members on a total of ten trips on the Napa River – some with poles and some without. Have you been asked, “Fishing or non-fishing?” before?

The *Freedom*, which is owned by Monterey Bay Veterans, Inc. is seldom idle. The 60-foot Pacifica vessel is on its tour which extends from Napa to San Diego. Any veteran can use their services, which include fishing and sightseeing, spreading of ashes (with military honors), safety courses and marine environmental education.

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Fishin' continued

The total round trip of the cruise was 14 miles, and after passing under the Green Tower Bridge, we headed back to shore and arrived at the Napa Yacht Club to be greeted with bags of goodies from Janice and Jerry Rambajean that were donated by the Disabled American Veterans, before climbing aboard the bus.

Oh, yes ... the fishing. Well, the score was 7 to 0 in favor of the fish. Alright, I'll say it, we didn't catch anything! But, we did have a great time and no one could ask for a more relaxing day. Our many thanks to the “Freedom,” its most generous crew, the Monterey Bay Veterans, Inc. and our Activity Department for making this trip possible.

*Definite
sightseer!
Jim Looney*



September 2008



Rollin' continued

If you notice an unusual camaraderie between passengers and crew, there's a reason: those in the know (that includes you now) plan far ahead to make it a part of their autumn schedule. Fortunately, the *Freedom* crew is determined to leave nobody behind. Passengers left glowing reviews in the ship's guest book, and most ended with "See you next year!"



Monterey Bay Veterans, Inc. began in 1987 as a Wheelchair Salmon Derby in response to a request from a wheelchair patient in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Palo Alto. During a group counseling session the doctors and therapists agreed that a sports fishing trip would be very good therapy.

Following this first derby, the VA therapists thanked the derby volunteers and told of what a success the trip had been for the patients in rehabilitation. With such positive input and through more conversations, the volunteers decided to make the derby an annual event.

Needless to say, the derbies grew so rapidly that in 1991 the volunteers formed a non-profit organization to handle the requests for recreational sports rehabilitation. Thus the Monterey Bay Veterans, Inc. was established.

Jelly Belly Tour

By Nancy Bueno

On September 17 Home Members travelled to Fairfield to tour the Jelly Belly factory.

The Jelly Belly jelly bean is made by the Goelitz family who, in 1869, purchased an ice cream and candy store in Belleville, IL just two years after emigrating from Germany. The family was innovative in the candy business, making new treats such as buttercreams and candy corn. Although the Goelitz family was not the first to make jelly beans, in 1976, they were the first to create “true-to-life” intense flavors. The first eight Jelly Belly flavors were Very Cherry, Lemon, Cream Soda, Tangerine, Green Apple, Root Beer, Grape and Licorice.

The Jelly Belly hit the national scene when Ronald Regan requested them for his 1981 Presidential Inauguration. Jelly Belly created the Blueberry flavor in order to have red, white and blue Jelly Belly beans at the festivities. Three-and-a-half tons of Jelly Belly beans were shipped to the White House.

The seemingly simple little Jelly Belly bean takes one to three weeks to create. First the “jelly” center is created without any flavoring. While it is hot, flavors are mixed into the “jelly.” Flavors such as peanut butter, chocolate, peach, etc. use natural ingredients. Then the bean is shaped in large trays with 1,260 bean-shaped impressions. Then they rest to cool and become firm.

The next step is a steam bath prior to being coated with sugar. Now they rest 24-48 hours.

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The factory is decorated in bright primary colors and vibrant pastels. Super-sized Jelly Belly's hang from the ceiling.



The tour was quite crowded but took only 45 minutes. That left plenty of time for Georgia Todd (below) to shop for those goodies.



below: A popular Jelly Belly pasttime is mixing the beans to come up with new flavors. For those who need some hints, the Jelly Belly Recipe Book is available in Chinese, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish and the Queen's English.



Then a lot of the little beans – about 200 pound worth – are put into an “engrossing pan” which is a rotating metal drum. While they are tumbling in the drum for 2 hours, four layers of flavored syrup and sugar are added to build the yummy shell.

After that they join an equal number – about 400 pounds – to be “shined.” A confectioner’s glaze is added and as they roll over each other, the high-gloss surface is created. Time for another rest – 24-48 hours – before adding the Jelly Belly name to each bean.

Following the tour we shopped and lunched before returning to the Home laden with Jelly Belly candy.

Lunch here can mean a Jelly Belly shaped pizza or hamburger!



The original mosaic of Ronald Reagan was created by Peter Rocha, using about 15,000 Jelly Belly jelly beans.



right: Reagan memorabilia



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Vietnam Picnic 2008

By Lou Zauner

It was announced as a spaghetti-feed but the picnic that started before 11am on Saturday, September 6, was more like a banquet. Over two-hundred Home Members, Staff and Vietnam Chapter 702 volunteers swarmed the Main Picnic Grounds to honor Vietnam Veterans and remember our POW and MIA comrades.



George Dorner & Tom Fisk

Vietnam Chapter 702 brought everything--including the kitchen sink! For openers, a huge portion of spaghetti and available Parmesan cheese was offered along with mixed salad, corn-on-the-cob, and choice of breads: sourdough or a special garlic and cheese Italian special-

ty with fancy name and exquisite taste. Next table: the hot dogs and hamburgers and chicken (and yes, remember to stop by for the lemonade or variety of sodas necessary for added refreshment. Next, the watermelon table – all you wanted, sliced for easy-eating piled on plastic plates. And then there was the drive-in ice cream concession which welcomed scooter and wheelchairs with their occupants and featured large scoops of a variety to choose from –

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The “Fat Toad” band played on the freshly painted stage. AT&T Pioneers repainted everything at the Picnic Grounds and rebuilt the ramp to the stage. Thanks to AT&T Pioneers for the fresh look of the Main Picnic Grounds.

Vietnam Picnic continued

the peanut butter with chocolate nuggets – highly recommended. During all this time of feasting, “The Fat Toad Band” entertained the crowd with modern rock and blues.

Chapter 702 Vietnam Members also distributed plastic cups, designed for travel-mobility, with inscription of “The Moving Wall” remembering the over-forty-seven thousand of our finest young men who perished in that tragic war; and also for remembrance of our Vietnam comrades were the Memorials always thoughtfully brought to the Home for these occasions by Tom Fisk, Vice-President, assisted by other Chapter 702 Members.

You honor us, Vietnam Veterans Chapter 702, each season with your generous picnic

and many times during the year with your remembrance contributions. Likewise, we remember and honor all Vietnam Veterans for their service and comradeship. Sincere thanks to 702 for another great event.

Veterans Home Post Office Substation changes:

- Effective immediately, their telephone number has changed from 944-5090 to 944-0374
- Effective Monday, September 29, 2008, their lunch hour closure has changed from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Hours of operation remain the same: 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



"I have a gift for you!"

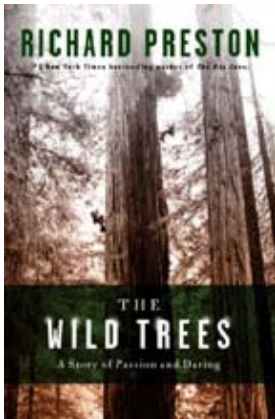
Chaps, I have an admission to make: I'm a push-over for plus-sized ladies. I saw Brandy strolling about and lost my heart. She is ample. Someone said her measurements are 40"- 40"- 40"; that's a lot of lady to love. I consulted a book here in the

Ah, a nice big Camphor tree. I understand there is a really big Camphor tree in Sacramento Capitol Park. That one's 88 feet high, with a trunk circumference of 249 inches and a crown spread of 95 feet.

library on relationships. It said to show her we have interests in common.

In the last Grapevine she wrote that she likes trees. Well, there you go! All us guy dogs are interested in trees, but I'll admit I seldom notice what's above the trunk, so I don't know how to identify them. If I'm going to impress her, I have to do my homework.

The first book I looked at is a real adventure, *The Wild Trees* by Richard Preston. Did you know there's a whole unexplored area -- right here in Northern California? It's part of the tallest organism the world



has ever known: the coast redwood. No, not the bottoms. The tops, which tower thirty-five stories into the

air. A small group of young naturalists found ways to climb to the canopies and explore the life-forms there, many new to science. It was dangerous, but exciting.

I need to identify trees though, so I can toss some names around to make Brandy notice me. For an overview, I looked at Hugh Johnson's *Encyclopedia of Trees*. It covers most of the trees in the nation, but it's too big to carry around. There's a book in the reserve section, *Trees of Napa County*, but you can't take it out of the library. That's where I got my idea.



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Nope, too skinny.

Important Annoucement

The Lincoln Library will close at 4:00PM Sundays until further notice.

20th Anniversary of the California Vietnam Veterans Memorial

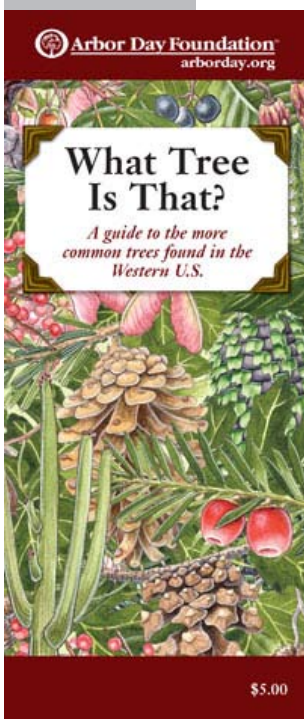


The California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) and the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), California State Council, will mark the 20th anniversary of the dedication of the California Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Capitol Park with 5 days of activities. This celebration coincides with the recognition of December 10 through 14, 2008, as “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Week.” This week, established by Assembly Concurrent Resolution 151 (Cook), commemorates the vital contributions and sacrifices of all members of the United States Armed Forces who served in the Vietnam War.

The celebration of the California Vietnam Veterans Memorial 20th Anniversary will begin on December 10 with the reading of the names of all 5,822 Californians who gave their lives in defense of our country during the Vietnam War. On December 13, 2008 there will be a parade and ceremony and the 20-year anniversary celebration will end on December 14, 2008 with a sunrise POW/MIA ceremony held at the Memorial. All veterans are invited to attend.

To help offset the cost of this ambitious celebration, the VVA, California State Council, is offering commemorative medallions at a cost of \$15 each.

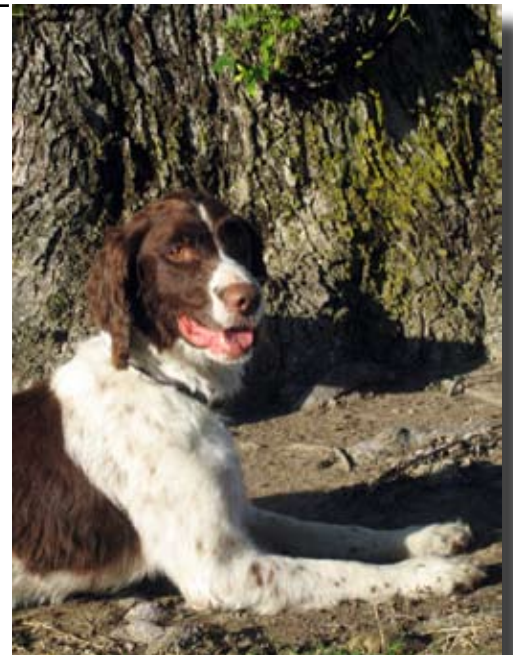
To purchase these medallions online via PayPal, go to <http://www.cavbf.org/20thanniversaryproducts.html>. Interested parties can also purchase these commemorative medallions directly from the VVA by contacting the Sacramento Chapter 500 at 916-481-6020. For more information regarding the celebration, contact the VVA at CAVietnamMemorial@yahoo.com.



Sammy Sez continued

I ordered a bunch of pocket-sized books from the *Arbor Day Foundation* called *What Tree Is That?* which identifies most of the trees you'll find on the grounds. I ordered extras so, as long as they last, I'll give you one. Just sidle up to the librarian working at the desk and whisper, “Psst! Sammy sent me!”

Now this is a magnificent lady - acer saccharinum - also known as a Silver Maple. Her limbs may be fragile but she's my kind of lady - large! Mature Silver Maples have reached a height of 90 to 120 ft with a trunk diameter of 36 to 48 in.



Living at the Veterans Home of California in Yountville

Sat, Oct 25 3:00PM **The Sleeping Beauty - California Theatre Center** The splendor of the Renaissance is the setting for this timeless fairy tale which pits evil against the power of knowledge and courage. When the most unpleasant fairy in the kingdom is mistakenly not invited to the christening of the newborn princess, she casts a spell that makes the entire kingdom sleep for one hundred years.

Sun, Oct 26 5:00PM **Champions Of The Dance** Ballroom dance has taken the country by storm and now comes to Napa Valley for one show only. Join stars from ABC's Dancing with the Stars as well as International Ballroom and Latin Dance Champions in a show with all the sizzle and style, grace and beauty we've come to expect from the world's top ballroom dancers.



September Pinochle Tournament Results

Congratulations to:

First Place

**Dorothy Bradford
Erby Bradford**


Each won \$25 Gift Certificate
to Marie Callendar's

Second Place

**Mickey Gandel
Ray Poznick**

Each won \$15 Gift Certificate
to Target

As a favor to your host, please call
ahead at 944-490 so you are not left
without a partner. Next tournament is
Tuesday, October 14th.



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September 19 – November 2, 2008

Gail Chase-Bien	Eleanor Coppola
Deanna Forbes	Robilee Frederick
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Joe Oddo	Robert Poplack
Tim Rice	Jill Strohm
Nancy Willis	



The 31st Annual Yountville Parade & Festival

October 3rd, 4th & 5th

Friday - October 3rd

Free Movie Night: "Surf's Up"

Yountville Park Opens at 6:30 pm;
movie shown at dusk

Hamburgers \$6/Hot Dogs \$5

Includes: all the fixings + beans & chips

Saturday - October 4th

1st Annual Yountville Chamber of Commerce "Chili Cook Off"

11:30am Salsa Tasting

12:00pm Chili Tasting

2:30pm Judging Begins

4:00pm Event Ends

Saturday - October 4th

Yountville History Night

Napa Valley Museum

5:30pm - 7:00pm

Wine & Appetizers will be served

Sunday - October 5th

Yountville Days Parade

Beginning at 12:00 pm from the Veter-
ans Home; Festival at Yountville Park
Starts at 11:00am

1:30pm Welcome &
Announcements

1:45pm Band Concerts

Napa High School Marching Band,

Director Harry Cadelago

Vintage High School Marching Band

Director Bill Gnatt

2:00pm Awards Ceremony

2:00-5:00pm Children's Activities

2:30-5:00pm Entertainment:

Brian Cline Band

Raffle drawing at 2:30, 3:30 & 4:30pm

"Yountville Days" Raffle

Buy a Raffle Ticket to win one of the
many prized listed below.

\$1.00 each ■ 6 tickets for \$5.00

15 tickets for \$10.00

Raffle Tickets are available for sale in
the Hosp. Volunteer Office through
October 3rd, and at the Festival.

- Family Admission Pass to the Old Faithful Geyser
- Full Day Wine Tour for Two on Platypus Tours
- Wine Train Fare portion of the Gourmet Express Excursion
- The French Laundry Cookbook
- The Bouchon Bakery Cookbook
- One Night Stay for Two at Maison Fleurie
- 2000 Magnum Cabernet Sauvignon
- St. Helena Olive Oil Gift Pack
- \$50 Gift Certificate at Mustards Grill
- 1.5L Bottle of 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon
- Balloon Ride for One from Profession Balloon Pilots Assoc.
- One Night Stay at the Napa Valley Lodge
- \$35 Gift Certificate for Lunch or Dinner at River Rock Casino
- \$20 Gift Certificate for Breakfast or Lunch at Gillwoods Café
- \$50 Gift Certificate for V Marketplace 1870
- \$50 Gift Certificate at Rosalia's for Shoes

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Suscol Intertribal Council Presents 15th Annual Pow-wow "Unity of All Tribes"



**Saturday & Sunday Oct 4th-5th, 2008
11 am – Dusk at the Main Picnic Grounds**

Traditional California Dancers: Point Arena Rancheria Pomo Singers

Azteca Dancers: Danca Xtlalli

Northern Drum: "Swift Cloud"

Southern Drum: "Southern Brothers"/Sacramento

Mr. Suscol Intertribal: Bear Carr /Blackfoot Pigeon

Head Man: Percy Edwards /Colville/Nez Pierce

Head Woman: April Jackson /Pomo, Upper Lake

Head Teen Boy: Daniel Swimmer/ Lakota

Head Teen Girl: Angelina Swimmer/Lakota

Head Boy: Jonathan Swimmer/Lakota

Head Girl: Gouyen Brown / Upper Lake Pomo



MC: Joe Smith/ Lakota

Assistant MC: George Snyder/ Choctaw

Arena Director: Dennis Carr/Blackfeet Pigeon

All Drums and Dancers Invited...CONTESTS!

FREE~ OPEN to PUBLIC...Families welcome! Bring a blanket or chair. Food and Craft vendors available

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- One Free Month for Leisure Class at Town of Yountville
- One Free Month of ASP from the Town of Yountville
- One week Free for the 2009 Town of Yountville Summer Camp
- One 2009 Family Swim Pass for TOY Community Pool
- One 2009 Swim Lesson Session Town of Yountville
- One Town of Yountville Free Excursion of Choice
- One Free Picnic Site Rental Free
- One Free Bocce Court Rental
- \$50 Gift Certificate to Taylor's Refresher
- Napa Valley Coffee Table Book
- The History of American Ceramics Book & Ceramic Set
- Regal Chenille Blanket
- \$100 Gift Certificate for Bistro Jeanty
- Magnum Sterling Cabernet from Diageo Chateau & Estate Wines

October Residential Care Special Events

Notify the Activities Office at least forty eight (48) hours before trip for cancellations. Call at 707-944-4900. *"No Shows" will be stand-by only on future trips for one month.*

Date	Time	Event	Site	Bus	Signup
4	Sat	9:30am	Simalcast Horse racing, Santa Rosa	MDR	Yes
6	Mon	10:00am	Shopping: Costco Vallejo	MDR	Yes
7	Tue	9:15am	Napa Valley Hiking Trip and Pizza Party	MDR	Yes
8	Wed	9:00am	Allied council Meeting	HRA	
9	Thu	10:00am	Remembrance Service (Shuttle to Cemetery following Service)	CHP	
		12:30pm	LeMelange/Library	MDR	Yes
11	Sat	10:15am	Blue Angels - Treasure Island	MDR	Yes
14	Tue	10:00am	Shopping: Target/Raley's/Wal-Mart	MDR	Yes
		5:30pm	Pinochle Tournament	HRA	Yes
15	Wed	10:15am	CA Academy of Science - SFO	MDR	Yes
17	Fri	8:15am	San Francisco Ferry Trip	MDR	Yes
		10:45am	Bunch for Lunch	MDR	Yes
19	Sun	7:30am	Napa Senior Breakfast	MDR	Yes
20	Mon	10:00am	Shopping: Fairfield Mall	MDR	Yes
22	Wed	10:15am	Cooperage: Barrel Making, Napa	MDR	Yes
23	Thu	12:30pm	LeMelange/Library	MDR	Yes
24	Fri	4:30pm	Elks Dinner - Petaluma	MDR	Yes
25	Sat	3:00pm	<i>Sleeping Beauty</i>	LT	Yes
26	Sun	10:15am	Forty Niners vs. Sea Hawks	MDR	Yes
		5:00pm	<i>Champions of The Dance</i>	LT	Yes
27	Mon	1:15pm	Napa Smith Brewery	MDR	Yes
29	Wed	9:15am	"Honey Bee" Farm Tour	MDR	Yes
30	Thu	6:00pm	Bowling - Napa Bowl	MDR	Yes
31	Fri	1:30pm	Halloween Party	HRA	

All activities are subject to change. Sign up early! Activities can fill quickly...Call at 4900

Key – 1C/1D: Hospital 1C/1D patio; BOR: Borman Field; CHP: Chapel; FP: Fishing Pond; GH: Grant Hall; HL: Hospital Lobby; HRA: Hospital Recreation Area; LIB: Library (Section G basement), LT: Lincoln Theater; MDR: Main Dining Room; MPG: Main Picnic Grounds; CS: Coffee Shop/Tavern (Section G main floor); VHC: Veterans Home Cemetery; VGC: Vintners Golf Course; XII: Annex II; YNT: Yountville; YVP: Yountville Veterans Park.

October Coffee Shop Specials

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5 1 Egg, 1 Bacon 1 Toast, ½ Hash Browns \$ 2.75</p>	<p>6 Rigatoni, Salad, Garlic Bread \$ 5.50</p>	<p>7 Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potato, Veggies \$ 5.50</p>	<p>1 Sombrero Salad, Rice, Beans \$ 5.50</p>	<p>2 Chicken Parmigiana, Noodles, Veggies \$ 5.50</p>	<p>3 Pork Ribs, Baked Beans, Corn \$ 6.00</p>	<p>4 2 Egg Cheese Omelet, Hash Browns \$ 3.50</p>
<p>12 1 French Toast, 1 Egg, 2 Bacon or Links \$ 3.50</p>	<p>13 Holiday – No Special</p>	<p>14 Fried Chicken, Mashed Potato, Veggies \$ 5.50</p>	<p>15 Taco's, Rice, Beans \$ 5.50</p>	<p>16 Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread \$ 5.50</p>	<p>17 Fried Shrimp, Fries, Salad \$ 6.00</p>	<p>18 ½ Corned Beef Hash, 2 Eggs, ½ Hash Browns \$ 3.50</p>
<p>19 2 Egg Ham & Cheese Omelet, 1 Toast \$ 3.50</p>	<p>20 Meatloaf, Mashed Potato, Veggies \$ 5.50</p>	<p>21 Fried Chicken, Fries \$ 5.00</p>	<p>22 Chicken Burrito, Rice, Beans \$ 5.50</p>	<p>23 Patty Melt, Onion Rings \$ 5.50</p>	<p>24 Crab Salad, Sandwich, Cole Slaw \$ 5.50</p>	<p>25 1 Pancake, 1 Egg, 2 Bacon \$ 3.50</p>
<p>26 1 Waffle, 1 Egg, 1 Bacon \$ 3.25</p>	<p>27 Pork Chop, Rice, Veggies \$ 6.00</p>	<p>28 Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potato, Veggies \$ 5.50</p>	<p>29 Sombrero Salad, Beans \$ 5.50</p>	<p>30 French Dip Sandwich, Fries \$ 5.50</p>	<p>31 Fish Patty Sandwich, Salad \$ 5.00</p>	

Homemade Soup daily / Breakfast served till 11:30 /Indoor / Outdoor Seating /Open 7:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. for Hot Food /Large Menu to Choose From/ 2 TV's/ Tavern Service 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m./Karaoke Friday Night/ Lottery 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. daily / 8:00-Noon Weekends

Vintage Movies in the HRA Monday & Tuesday at 6 PM

Monday: Musicals or Comedies & Tuesday: Drama or Western

Movies begin at 6:00pm and bus transportation is provided following the movie.

October Movie

Stars

6	Mon	The Eddie Duchin Story ★★ (1956) 123 minutes	Tyrone Power, Rex Thompson, James Whitmore, Victoria Shaw
7	Tue	Career ★★★ (1959) 105 minutes	Dean Martin, Shirley MacLain, A. Franciosa, Carolyn Jones
13	Mon	Three Daring Daughters ½★ (1948) 115 minutes	Jeanette MacDonald, Jose Iturbi, Jane Powell, Ed Arnold
14	Tue	No Movie – Pinochle Tournament at 5:30pm	
20	Mon	Broadway Melody of '38 ½★ (1937) 111 minutes	Robert Taylor, Eleanor Powell, George Murphy, Buddy Ebsen
21	Tue	The Ox-Bow Incident ★★★★ (1942) 75 minutes	Henry Fonda, Dana Andrews, A. Quinn, Mary Beth Hughes
27	Mon	Babes on Broadway ★★½ (1941) 121 minutes	Mickey Rooney, Judy Garland
28	Tue	Don't Fence Me In (1945) 71 minutes	Roy Rogers, Dale Evans, George "Gabby" Hayes, Trigger



Get your flu vaccine in October

By Bill Honey, RN, Infection Control

Flu season has arrived once again. We will be offering influenza vaccinations to Home residents October 14, 15 & 16. Home employees will be vaccinated October 21 – 24. Vaccination schedules and educational material will be posted throughout the Veterans Home.

The flu is serious business. It hospitalizes about 225,000 individuals annually and kills 36,000. By receiving the flu vaccine you protect yourself, your family, your co-workers, your community, and our residents.

This year the California Department of Public Health is requiring all employees declining the flu vaccine to sign a declination form.

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY MOVIES IN THE HRA

Wed, Oct 1 – “The Glen Miller Story” 1954 Biographical picture based on life and music of the big band leader. Stars James Stewart and June Allyson. Appearances by Frances Langford, Louie Armstrong and Gene Krupa. ★★★ Not rated.

Fri, Oct 3 – “Twenty One” New (2007) story about MIT students and their professor joining forces in card-counting scheme targeting Vegas casinos. Stars Kevin Spacey. Based on true story. Above average movie. PG 13

Wed, Oct 8 – “The Birds” 1963 classic Hitchcock thriller about bird attacks at a California coastal town. Cast: Rod Taylor Tippi Hedren, Jessica Tandy and Suzane Pleshett. ★★★½ stars. Not rated.

Fri, Oct 10 – “The Other Boleyn Girl” New (2008) historical drama involving two sisters and King Henry V111 of England. Stars Natalie Portman, Scarlett Johananson and Eric Bana. ★★★ PG-13

Wed, Oct 15 – “The Champ” 1931 drama about washed-up prizefighter and adoring son. Excellent performances by Jackie Cooper and Academy Award winner Wallace Berry. ★★★ Not Rated

Fri, Oct 17 – “Young At Heart” New (2007) nicely done documentary about senior chorus singing uplifting songs--both old and new. Above average entertainment. PG

Wed, Oct 22 – “Topaz” 1969 Hitchcock international spy thriller. Stars John Forsythe. Three stars. Not rated

Fri, Oct 24 – “Miss Pettigrew Lives For a Day” New (2008) romantic comedy set in 1930s. Stars Frances McDorman. ★★★ PG- 13

Wed, Oct 29 – “Spiral Staircase” 1946 murder mystery classic stars Dorothy McGuire, George Brent, Ethel Barrymore, Rhonda Fleming and Elsa Lanchester. Three stars. Not Rated.

Fri, Oct 31--"Nim's Island" New (2007) good adventure movie. Young girl and father stranded on tropical island with sea lions and Pelicans. Stars Abigal Brestin and Jodie Foster. Three stars. PG

Ratings of Motion Picture Association of America: G - movie suitable for general auciences; PG - parental guidance suggested; PG-13 - Recommended for viewers 13 or above. May contain material inappropriate for younger children; R - recommended for viewers 17 or older; NC-17 - intended for adults only.



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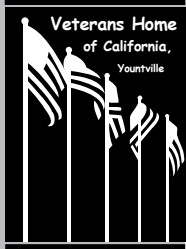
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